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1888. Sept. 6.—Fall Term began, Thursday.

Dec. 18.—Fall Term ends, Tuesday.

Winter vacation of three weeks.

1889. Jan. 10.—Winter Term begins, Thursday.

March 26.—Junior Exhibition, Tuesday evening.

March 26.—Winter term ends, Tuesday.

Spring vacation of two weeks.

April 9.—Spring Term begins, Thursday.

June 25.—Annual Examination begins, Tuesday.

June 30.—Baccalaureate Sermon and Anniversary of the Y. M. C. A., Sunday.

July 2.—Anniversary of the Associated Alumni, Tuesday.

July 3.—Commencement, Wednesday.

July 4.—Examination of Candidates for Admission, Thursday.

Summer vacation of ten weeks.

Sept. 12.—Fall Term begins, Thursday.

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Editorials.

BELIEVING that the Commencement number is of especial interest to those of the alumni who could not attend, we have tried to give everything of interest during Commencement week. The exercises were of a uniformly high order, as will be seen in the following account. As usual, several departments have been sacrificed to make room for this, but the end justifies the means.

"TIME and tide wait for no man," and our friends of '89 have left us "safe now in the wide, wide world." As alumni you will recall many a pleasant incident in the four years past and the memory of close associations formed in that time will always be with you. But the training given here is the preparation for future usefulness. Though a few pensive thoughts may be pardoned, you will look to the future "rejoicing, as a strong man to run a race." But however successful, let neither distance nor press of business, nor the lapse of years cool your affection for the old college. Your numbers are few, yet for this reason she needs all the more your sturdy, unswerving support. Remember, too, to *show* your interest in her. Not only cherish her momory but *help* her as each of you can in numberless ways. The encouraging words which you have received as undergraduates from alumni are still fresh in your minds. Those who fill your places will prize these evidences of your interest as much as you did in days gone by. And when our alma mater celebrates her one hundredth birthday, may '89 be foremost in the ranks of her loyal, younger sons who have brought honor to her name.

PLEASED as we, as students, always are to see people attend any of our exercises, there is one thing which is always met with at a free entertainment or exhibition. Many there are who go simply for the fun of it and they neither listen to the exercises nor will they let anyone else. If there is anything so annoying as this, it is yet undiscovered. Of course it must be pure bliss to such people, but it is not bliss to others to hear how this "one's dress fits and that one's hat looks, and what an awful thing Mr. or Miss So and So has done and all that horrid tribe," etc., etc. It is a disease hard to cure because it has its origin in the watery brain of self-made imbeciles. But no gentleman or lady will prevent others from enjoying what they do not care for themselves.

THERE is one study that above all others needs more time and attention and that is Whately's Rhetoric. Doubtless, everyone is tired of pleas of individuals for more time for their favorite studies. But here is a study which is popular with nearly all, and which abounds in facts of great practical value as well as being by far the best text-book in the course

for training the mind in systematic reasoning, to which only six weeks is allotted. In this time it is impossible for an instructor to conduct a class through more than half the work; it is impossible for him to impress properly the truths in the text by requiring illustrative examples from his pupils. Moreover, the well-known style of Whately is at first blind and tedious, but on familiar acquaintance becomes delightsome, fascinating and clear. As it is now one has barely time to get interested when he must stop. Then let us have some of the time now devoted to analytics for Whately's Rhetoric. Only treat it fairly and it will be one of the most delightful and valuable branches in the curriculum.

NO doubt there are good reasons why the system of honors is not extended to embrace a course in English literature. But there are few students who understand what those reasons are. Surely it would be the most popular branch in the entire system. How many start upon a course of reading and speedily drop it either from the inferiority of the course they have mapped out or from the lack of a definite aim? True a large part of the work would necessarily be done before the study is taken up in the required course. But the same is true of the course in philosophy. Such a course would reach a large class of students who at present never think of doing more than the regular work. But we do not mean that it should be a "snap." Honors in English literature should certainly mean as high scholarship and faithful work as are required in other departments.

THIS number closes Vol. fourteen. It is hoped that the UNDERGRADUATE has kept abreast of the times and that it has been a source of pleasure if not of profit to the alumni and friends of the college. The editors thank all who have helped the UNDERGRADUATE in any way and especially is pleased to note the increased interest the alumni are taking in the paper.

A retrospect of the past year may be in place. Usually the editorial "we" has more force when implied than expressed, but as the editors have been taken to task for many features of the UNDERGRADUATE, this is somewhat of a personal matter.

What should the UNDERGRADUATE be? What is it? The UNDERGRADUATE should try to advance the material interests of Middlebury College in every way and in a more restricted sense it should serve her interests by raising the literary tone of the college and by giving the students a literary training which, in some certain respects, they must otherwise be without. Does the UNDERGRADUATE do this? We have been criticised more for sins of commission than of omission; it has been said that numerous objectionable features have appeared; that we have criticised certain persons unjustly, that we have criticised certain features of the College and College life before such defects were brought to the notice of our honorable faculty and others. And finally that our criticisms have not been criticisms, but grumblings; that our purpose has been to see how much fault we could find with everything. We do not lay claim to infallibility; we know we have made many mistakes, and it would be strange if objectionable features did not appear often. However we will not admit that we have criticised hastily, though we have said things, through misunderstanding the real facts of the case, which were unjust. At the same time especial pains have been taken to get at the real facts. That we have delighted in quickly prodding anyone is untrue; not one criticism has appeared in the UNDERGRADUATE the past year but the subject thereof had been notorious among the students and others and there had been ample time to improve matters. As to the advisability of printing some such matters that is quite another thing; some articles perhaps should not have appeared. Finally, that our attention has been given wholly to fault-finding and that the UNDERGRADUATE is a radical paper, are equally mistaken views. For the benefit of those who differ from this view, our exchanges are always open to inspection and the statement can be proved that the UNDERGRADUATE is the most conservative college paper in the East. While we have the interest of Middlebury College always in view and will do all we can to advance them, it is as necessary to raise opposition, if the UNDERGRADUATE is to have any character of its own, good or bad, if it is to have any success, as oxygen is necessary to a flame.

WOULD it not be well during the vacation for each of us to think calmly concerning his share in the college "pranks" that have been committed during his college life? These vacations are full of retrospects, and in calm meditation the judgment is more reliable and trustworthy than in the busy whirl of student life. And then the matter should not stop

with individual resolves to quit. The incoming class will do very much as we encourage them to do by our words and example. Be careful of that influence. Fellow student! think twice before you say that the Corporation, Faculty, and the parents at home are old fogies. And remember that your influence, whether for good or bad, will avail more to the incoming class than that of the mother at home.

THE college year is closed, and scarcely had the bell ceased its ringing when the faculty began to scatter over the country to spend the summer. Every man is supposed to know his own business and what is his business is no one's else; however its some one's business to follow up until next September the work which Prof. Howard has so admirably begun, and unless it is done that which he has done will undo itself again.

Commencement.

SUCCESSFUL as was last year's commencement, it was surpassed this year. The finest weather (heat excepted) that could be desired and the literary exercises brilliant for the most part, rendered commencement week unusually enjoyable.

THE BACCALAUREATE.

The exercises opened Sunday morning, when the Baccalaureate sermon was preached at the Congregational church by President Ezra Brainerd. The congregation filled all the seats in the house, and chairs had to be taken in to accommodate late-comers. Rev. A. F. Keith, pastor of the church, assisted in the service. Mrs. G. D. Miner presided at the organ, and the singing was by a quartet composed of Misses Elga Stewart and Carrie Bond, Mr. J. M. Thomas and Dr. W. H. Sheldon, and the choir. The service began with the rendering of Dudley Buck's Benedictus by the quartet and the invocation by President Brainerd. Hymn 235, "Hark, hark, my soul," was sung. Rev. Mr. Keith read Psalm xix and from Matthew xxv., begininning with the 14th verse, and offered prayer. Another selection was given by the quartet. The sermon followed. An abstract of it follows, but it gives a very imperfect notion of the strength and value of the discourse, which was the best that has been heard on a similar occasion for many years. "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."—Exodus iii, 5. He said:

The present age is lacking in the spirit of reverence. In current philosophy there is a disposition to ignore the great mysteries of life and to consider only those things that lie within the domain of positive knowledge.

The hold of religious truth upon the present age has been weakened as an incidental result of the scientific warfare against superstition. Superstitious fancies have naturally associated themselves with religious beliefs; and in rooting up the tares men have rooted up the wheat also. Some even go so far as to reject all supernatural truth, all belief in a personal God, all hope of a future life, as part and parcel of the groundless fancies—the ghost-stories—that have tyrannized over the human mind; just as in their revolt against the mistakes and abuses committed by the older school of physicians, some men have lost faith altogether in the value of medicine.

Scientific methods have enfeebled our spirit of reverence in another way, by fixing our intention upon natural laws rather than upon the Divine Power which lies back of all law. The beauty and order and intelligence and progress seen in the material world are the emanations of a divine mind—not who created ages ago a self-developing fire-mist and may have long since forgotten it, but who is the ever-present reality back of all appearances. A deeper philosophy will bring back a full and complete belief in the providence of God, though it may be a God whose thoughts are not as our thoughts and whose ways are not as our ways. And just as we admire the beauty of the rainbow, even after optics have explained how its colors are produced, so we shall see the glory of God in the heavens after we have learned all the lessons of astronomy, and behold his glory in the sweet return of seed-time and harvest.

The spirit of reverence is quenched by the excessive attention given to intellectual effort. The life of the business man, or of the professional man, is today a life of intense, prolonged mental strain. There is but little time and energy left for the æsthetic and spiritual side of our nature. A severe intellectualism paralyzes emotion. It deadens our spiritual faculties and enfeebles our apprehension of the grand ideas and practical truths which form the basis of religion. Those powers of mind or body which long remain unexercised pass into a state of weakness or decadence. The hand of the musician who wholly neglects his art for many years loses its cunning. Our appreciation of what is grand and beautiful in literature passes away from us unless habitually fostered. And in like manner our God-ward capacities for faith and reverence and worship become extinct through disuse.

Gentlemen of the Graduating Class:

You are going out into the strife and whirl of active life. The claims of professional duty will make greater and greater demands upon your energies. You

will feel the necessity of straining every nerve to secure the prizes of ambition that glitter before you. You will be tempted to neglect those matters that contribute to a broad culture of mind and heart. The grand books that have stimulated your best thought in the leisure hours of college life may be permitted to lie in dust on their shelves. You may have no longer time or inclination for the solitary walk in the starlight, in which fervid thoughts crowd into the brain and the will gives birth to high resolves. But let me assure you that these are privileges that you can ill afford to surrender. They are the breathing places of the soul, when it shakes off the dust of daily toil and finds rest and strength and inspiration to renew its labors.

Remember that the heart is of more consequence than the head. Keep the upper windows of the soul ever open to let in the pure light and air of heaven. Acquire habits of reverence for all that is pure and good, reverence for women—reverence for law—reverence for wise and brave men of all times—reverence for all those holy mysteries in which our human life is enshrouded. I do not need to be more explicit and to use the trite words of religious exhortations; for I know that if the soul reaches out in all humility and earnestness for that which is above it, it will find God to be the dearest object of its faith, and will lay hold of the gracious hopes and ministries to be found in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the close of the sermon President Brainerd offered prayer; hymn 305, "In the cross of Christ I glory," was sung and the President pronounced the benediction.

Sunday Evening.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary of the College Y. M. C. A. was held at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Mr. J. E. Mead of the Junior class, president of the Association, presided. Rev. J. C. Houghton of Middlebury read selections of scripture; the 563d hymn, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord," was sung, and prayer was made by Rev. Mr. Houghton. The preacher of the evening, Rev. Enion Cranogvab Evans of Indianapolis, Ind., a graduate of the College in the class of 1876, was introduced by President Mead. Mr. Evans announced as his text I. Corrinthians xiii., 13—"And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three"; and I. Thessalonians v., 21—"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." He said, in part:

Irreverence is the characteristic of the age, and in no sphere is this tendency so conspicuous as in that of religion. The drift of the age is toward liberalism. The partitions separating denominations are falling down. Religion has become fashionable. Great attention is paid to church architecture, and the average sermon, instead of being an earnest exhortation, is looked upon as a literary effort and an occasion for oratorical display. Church members no longer wear a distinctive dress, as formerly; indeed, it is sometimes necessary to search the church records or to wait till a man's funeral sermon is preached or his obituary appears in order to find out whether he belongs to any church. But Christianity has not changed. It appears to have done so because we fail to distinguish between the Christianity of Christ and the Christianity of men. Theology is man's thought of God and that may undergo changes, but the book of books remains. The changes noticeable are due, first, to a reaction from Puritanism; and, second, to the fact that the Christianity of our day is more extended in its operations. There never was a time when Christianity was so aggressive as now. The world as a whole is growing better through the influence of Christianity. Never before was the army of the Lord so well drilled and disciplined. The truth of Christianity has been proved, and that it is good as well as true is shown

1. Because it is faith as opposed to disbelief—faith in God, faith in the spiritual nature of man, faith in an unseen world.

2. Because it is hope instead of despair. The best light of science is only darkness visible. With it the end of all is death. But the gospel of Christ is gospel of hope.

3. Because it is love as opposed to selfishness. Selfishness is the root of all evil. Its spirit is ever bad and hateful. The problem of the age and of all time is, how to get rid of selfishness. Love is the antidote, and let that once attain dominion and the millenium is come.

It was a forcible and excellent sermon, earnestly delivered. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Keith; hymn 1065, "Greater than ocean's story," was sung, and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Mr. Keith.

Alumni Day—Tuesday.

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.

The preliminary meeting of the associated alumni was held at the college chapel at 9:30 Tuesday morning. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Secretary H. S. Foote of Middlebury called the meeting to order, and J. H. Haig, '73, was chosen president *pro tem*. After the reading and adoption of the secretary's report, a committee of three was appointed to settle upon the names of three of the alumni to be presented to the corporation, from whom to elect a member of that body; and Prof. Walter E. Howard, Prof. E. H. Higley and Rev. George N. Webber were appointed as such committee. On mo-

tion of C. M. Wilds a committee of three was appointed on nominations, the members of the committee being Mr. Wilds, Dr. Hemenway of Manchester and Prof. W. W. Eaton. Prof. T. E. Boyce read the report of the necrological committee, which showed that seventeen of the alumni had died within the year. The meeting then adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

THE ADDRESS.

The alumni and their friends gathered in large numbers at the Congregational church shortly after 10 o'clock. Music was furnished by the Howard Opera House orchestra of Burlington. Hon. C. S. Colburn of Pittsford, president of the alumni association, presided, and seated with him on the stage were the speakers of the day, Rev. J. A. Ranney, Kalamazoo, Mich., of the class of 1839, and Col. Thad M. Chapman, the marshal. The exercises began with music and this was followed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Ranney. Another selection was rendered by the orchestra and President Colburn introduced the orator, Rev. C. S. Murkland, '81, of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Murkland spoke pleasantly and forcibly and had something to say that was heard with earnest attention by the audience. The following is a brief abstract:

The reminiscent spirit that brings us here today will not let us wholly ignore the significance of the time. An unbroken century of democracy, the first the world has ever known, is too vast a matter to be lost sight of, even here. In the presence of that transcendent fact we are dominated by a two-fold consciousness at once literary and national. We cannot refuse to consider the social and political functions of the American man of culture.

The man of culture should hold, by right, the only democratic patent of nobility. Democracy has its privileged class. Universality of suffrage cannot confer equality of power. A bill of rights never guarantees identity of function. The ballot is an implement of service rather than the sceptre of authority. Democracy has its feudal trait. Its privileged class decides upon men and measures, leaving the people nothing but alternatives of ratification. The garment of democracy gives freest play to the members of the oligarchy.

That the few rule by delegated power alters only the appearance of things. That is true of the most absolute monarchy. The Czar wields no power but that of the Russian people. The great distinction of a democracy is that coercion of the many is accomplished by skill rather than by force.

This fact, the necessary presence of a privileged class, must be taken advantage of. If the few must rule, it is the duty of the most worthy to assume the control that is theirs by right—becoming a genuine aristocracy.

National safety demands it. We have not come to the crucial test of political institutions. When the pressure of population is felt; when the increasing ratio of unassimilated elements forces its problems to the front; when the contrast between great wealth and great poverty reaches its limit; when the margin of profits is reduced and labor's bitterness increased by suffering; when the idle and improvident, the vicious and dangerous masses are grown confident in numbers and apparent wrongs—then will come the stern trial of popular sovereignty.

In view of the popular surrender of power, in view of present evils and future dangers resulting therefrom, it becomes the imperative duty of the proper conservators of the public safety that they take up the tasks of their station.

They must claim, and maintain against all usurpation, their right and title. The right is divine. God has decreed that right purpose and true thought shall rule in His kingdom. The man who stands for clear thought and pure purpose represents that *imperium in imperiis*. The man of culture is the divinely commissioned interpreter of the everlasting right.

Because this right is not maintained, it becomes true, as wise observers have noted, that the standard of public opinion in America is higher than the standard of practical politics. The people tolerate, while condemning, misuse of their power.

Active participation in political contests will not suffice. The scholar is no match for the boss in caucus and convention. He is like a physician at a funeral. It is too late for his services, and his presence brings him under mild suspicion as a previous factor.

The field for leadership is ideal politics; the substitution of clear and honest thought, pure purpose, straight-forward methods for the inconsequent discussion, the selfish interest, the oblique methods that now make up practical politics.

This is to be reached, first, by insistence upon free and fearless teaching in our colleges—the teaching of political science rather than partisan politics. Second, by a wide range of sociological and political teaching. Nothing can supply this lack better than wise study of Greek. If we require less Greek, let us offer more.

Finally there is the power of the cultured man who stands, even alone, for a principle as against an interest. He may be out-voted, and yet carry the day. Arousing the dormant moral sense, he has set in motion the power of final victory.

The oration closed with a reference to Middlebury college, recalling the past work and suggesting the present wealth in the fibre of the students and the sympathetic wisdom of the instructors.

THE POEM.

Next, after music, the poet, Hon. D. K. Simonds, '62, of Manchester, was introduced and gave a poem,

the subject of which was "John Brown," whose history and influence on the world were handled in an interesting way.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

Professor Seely, then introduced, gave an able and appreciative address on the life and character of the late Prof. W. H. Parker of the class of 1830. The main facts adduced have already appeared in these columns.

In accordance with custom, the orator and poet named persons to be made honorary members of the associated alumni. Mr. Murkland named Charles E. Fish of Worcester, Msss., and Mr. Simonds Rev. A. F. Keith of Middlebury, and they were elected.

THE DINNER.

The alumni dinner was served at the Addison at 2 o'clock. Over one hundred of the alumni and their friends sat down to it. Grace was said by Rev. Dr. E. P. Hooker, president of Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla. The menu was elaborate and the eatables were all of the best quality and handsomely served. President C. S. Colburn of the alumni association presided, and, after dinner had been disposed of, called up a number of those present, including Rev. Dr. Wickham of Manchester (Yale, 1815), Hon. John W. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Ranney of Kalamazoo, Mich., Presdent Brainerd and others, all of whom had a pleasant word to say.

THE PRIZE SPEAKING.

As is always the case, the prize speaking Tuesday evening brought together in the church an audience limited in size only by the capacity of the building. Prof. Wright announced the speakers. Seated with him on the stage were several members of the class of 1839, Rev. E. P. Hooker, ex-Judge Dunton of Rutland, Prof. C. M. Mead, ex-Gov. Stewart and others. Most excellent music was provided by the Howard Opera House Orchestra. Following was the order of exercises:

PARKER PRIZE SPEAKERS.

Music.

Declamation—The Boy in Blue against the Continental. Enos
G. C. Bliss.

Declamation—The March of Attila, Anon
B. D. Colby.

Declamation—The Old Fashioned Man of God. John R. Paxton
G. H. Kelton.

Music.

Declamation—Closing Scenes at Waterloo. Victor Hugo
Alexander Macdonald.

Declamation—Pericles to the People. E. Kellogg
J. F. McNaboe.

Declamation—The Bell of St. John's. Sargent
B. F. Wynne.

MERRILL PRIZE SPEAKERS.

Music.

Recitation—Julius Sabinus. A. W. Colton
E. W. Benedict.

Recitation—Eugene Aram's Dream. Thomas Hood
F. D. Boynton.

Declamation—Reverence for Law. Anon
E. C. Bryant.

Music.

Declamation—The Poetry of War. Robertson
V. C. Harrington.

Declamation—Liberty of the Press. Victor Hugo
C. A. Mead.

Declamation—Under the Flag. Wendell Phillips
T. H. Noonan.

Music.

Declamation—Arrest, Trial and Death of Danton. Carlyle
I. E. Pinney.

Declamation—Daniel O'Connell. Wendell Phillips
D. G. Reilly.

Declamation—Sergeant Prentiss' First Plea. N. L. H. Bachman
F. H. Walker.

Music.

Awarding of Prizes.

The judges—Rev. Dr. E. P. Wild, Hon. D. K. Simonds and Dr. Hemenway, all of Manchester—awarded the prizes as follows: Parker prizes (for the freshmen)—First to B. F. Wynne of Moriah, N. Y.; second to G. H. Kelton of Hubbardston, Mass. Merrill prizes (for sophomores)—First to D. G. Reilly of Thorndike, Mass.; second to F. D. Boynton of Potsdam, N. Y.; third to T. H. Noonan of Addison, and fourth to C. A. Mead of West Cornwall.

Commencement Day.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI.

The annual meeting of the alumni was held at the college chapel Wednesday morning. The committee to nominate candidates for trustee presented the names of Hon. D. K. Simonds of Manchester, Hon. C. S. Colburn of Pittsford and E. H. Phelps of Fair Haven; and the report was adopted.

The committee chosen to name a list of officers of the alumni association reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted: President, Walter E. Howard, Fair Haven; vice-presidents, E. H. Higley, '68, Groton, Mass., and J. W. Abernethy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; secretary and treasurer, T. E. Boyce, '76, Middlebury; orator in 1890, Hon. E. J. Phelps, '40, Burlington; substitute, Geo. Z. Erwin, '65, Potsdam, N. Y,; poet, Rev. E. P. Wild, '60, Manchester; substitute, W. W. Gay, '76, Chicago.

A resolution was adopted thanking the alumni who were members of the last legislature for their efforts

in behalf of the college, and also this: "That the associated alumni in session assembled are grateful to the State for the beneficence extended to Middlebury college by the last General Assembly and commend the wisdom of the legislators in affording substantial assistance to our alma mater."

The meeting over, the alumni formed in procession, with Col. Thad M. Chapman as marshal, and, headed by the Middlebury band, marched to the Congregational church, where were held

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The church was crowded to its full capacity. Seated on the stage with President Brainerd were Rev. Dr. Wickham of Manchester, Rev. George N. Boardman of Chicago, Rev. C. C. McIntire of Pittsford, Hon. W. C. Dunton of Rutland, Rev. R. C. Flagg of Wells River, Prof. Brainerd Kellogg of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hon. John W. Stewart and Hon. L. D. Eldredge of Middlebury, Rev. C. N. Thomas of Port Henry, N. Y., and C. S. Colburn of Pittsford—all members of the corporation; Hon. J. M. Slade, secretary of the corporation; Hon. G. W. Grandey of Vergennes, Rev. Dr. Archibald of Middlebury, Prof. Charles M. Mead, several members of the class of 1839, and the members of the faculty.

Music of the finest quality was furnished by Blaisdell's orchestra of Concord, N. H.

The programme of the exercises follows:

Prayer.

Music.

Oration—with salutatory addresses—Crowned Endeavor.
Leslie H. Raine, Addison.

Oration—Chauncey M. Depew.
William F. Alden, Leicester.

Oration—The Fallacy of the Mighty Dollar.
Louis W. Austin, Winter Park, Fla.

Music.

Oration—Our Debt to Hamilton.
Colwort K. P. Cogswell, Middlebury.

Oration—Universal Harmony.
Robert M. Collins, Middlebury.

Oration—"The Little Thou Hast Use It."
Arthur E. Cushman, Lincoln.

Music.

Oration—Trusts.
Frank F. Douglas, Whiting.

Oration—The Social Parasite.
Carlton S. Severance, Bennington.

Oration—with valedictory addresses—"Burn this Letter."
Prentiss C. Hoyt, Addison.

Music.

Master's Oration—The Public Schools.
Charles Billings, B. A.

Conferring of Degrees and awarding of Prizes.

Benediction.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. McIntire.

The President annnounced. also, that prizes and honors had been awarded as follows: Waldo prizes—Seniors, P. C. Hoyt, F. F. Douglas, L. H. Raine; juniors, J. M. Thomas, H. M. Goddard, J. E. Mead; sophomores, C. A. Mead, E. C. Bryant, V. C. Harrington and also an equivalent prize to Sarah Grace Seely; freshman, G. H. Kelton, B. D. Colby, J. F. McNaboe and also an equal prize to Miss Annah Belle Sheldon. First botanical prize to A. D. Mead; second to B. W. Norton. Highest honors in political science to F. F. Donglas; highest honors in physics and chemistry to L. W. Austin; highest honors in classics to P. C. Hoyt and L. H. Raine.

The exercises at the church closed with prayer and the benediction by President Brainerd.

CORPORATION DINNER.

Over eighty of the alumni of this and other colleges partook of the corporation dinner, which was served at the Addison at 2 o'clock. Grace was said by Rev. A. H. Parmelee, '39. The dinner, like that of the previous day, was good. After-dinner speeches were made by Rev. Luther Sheldon of the class of 1839, Rev. Dr. Boardman of the corporation, Hon. James K. Batchelder of the class of '64, Prof. Wright of the faculty and others.

THE CONCERT.

Following is the programme of the excellent concert given at the church in the evening by Blaisdell's orchestra of Concord, N. H.; Miss Helene Clarkson of Boston, soprano; Mrs. Georgie Dean Spaulding of Boston, harpist, and Mr. J. H. Ricketson of Boston, tenor, assisted by Mrs. G. D. Miner of Middlebury as accompanist:

1. Overture—Raymond. Ambroise Thomas
   Orchestra.
2. Aria—"O Sleep." Handel
   Mr. Jas. H. Ricketson.
3. Allegro Moderato—from symphony in B minor. Schubert
   Orchestra.
4. Harp Solo—
   Georgie Dean Spaulding.
5. Waltz—from Romeo E. Giuletta. Gounod
   Miss Helene Clarkson.
6. Cornet Solo—Turf Polka. Steinhauser
   Mr. F. A. Nevers.
7. *a.* Wiegenlied— Brahms
   b. My Pretty Jane— Bishop
   Mr. Ricketson.
8. String Quintet—Andante from Op. 11. Tschaikowsky
   Messrs. Blaisdell, Everett, Jones, Stockbridge and Stewartson.
9. Swiss Song— Eckhert
   Miss Clarkson.
10. Harp Solos.— *a.* Russian Airs—Varied.
    b. Now I lay me down to sleep.
    Georgie Dean Spaulding.
11. Chilian Dance— Missud
    Orchestra.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

After the concert came that always pleasing feature of the week, the president's reception at his home on Seminary street. The grounds were handsomely illuminated. President and Mrs. Brainerd, Mrs. A. O. Gates of Morrisville and Mrs. L. H. Hemenway of Manchester received the numerous guests.

THE PROMENADE CONCERT.

Last, but by no means least of the events of the week, was the promenade concert at the town hall. Blaisdell's orchestra furnished the music for the dancers, and supper was had at the Addison, and both these important features were admirable. The company was large and brilliant.

COMMENCEMENT NOTES.

The trustees elected these new members of their body to fill vacancies: Hon. D. K. Simonds of Manchester, Hon. C S. Colburn of Pittsford and Rev. C. N. Thomas of Port Henry.

Of the 37 men graduated in the class of 1839, 14 are living and seven gathered at commencement to celebrate the semi-centennial of their graduation. Those present were: Rev. Hiram Bingham of Windham, O.; Rev. J. A. Ranney of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Melvin L. Gray of St. Louis, Mo.; Norman F. and Truman K. Wright of Ohio; Rev. Luther H. Sheldon and Rev. A. H. Parmelee.

Mrs. A. M. Beckwith and Mrs. G. S. Wainwright gave a very enjoyable and largely attended reception to the alumui and their friends on Tuesday evening at their home. The ladies mentioned were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Simpson of Rutland, Miss Fifield of Montpelier and Miss Aggie Wainwright. Choice refreshments were served.

Gen. Grandey of Vergennes was here for the 60th consecutive year. He remembers distinctly the commencement exercises of 1829, the first he ever attended.

Rev. Dr. Wickham of Manchester is in the 92d year of his age. He graduated at Yale in 1815 and has been a trustee of the college since 1840.

According to the alumni register and other sources the following alumni were in town during Commencement week:

Rev. Dr. E. P. Hooker, '55, Winter Park, Fla.
Charles M. Mead, '56, Cornwall, Vt.
Hon. Walter C. Dunton, '57, Grinnell, Ia.
Rev. Azel W. Wild, '57, Charlotte, Vt.
Hon. Charles S. Colburn, '58, Pittsford, Vt.
Prof. Brainerd Kellogg, '58, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. S. L. Blake, '59, New London, Conn.
Rev. M. L. Severance, '59, Bennington, Vt.
Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. E. P. Wild, '60, Manchester, Vt.
Rev. Francis H. Seeley, '63, Delhi, N. Y.
Rev. G. H. Bailey, '64, Franklin, N. Y.
Dr. John A. Mead, '64. Rutland, Vt.
Dr. L. H. Hemenway, '64, Manchester, Vt.
Rev. E. J. Ranslow, '66, Swanton, Vt.
Prof. Edwin H. Higley, '68, Groton, Mass.
Rev. Rufus C. Flagg, '69, Wells River, Vt.
Julius M. Mallory, '71, Thetford, Vt.
Hon. Walter E. Howard, '71, Fair Haven, Vt.
Hon. John A. Haig, '73, Madrid, N. Y.
G. S. Swinington, '73, Rutland, Vt.
Rev. Enion C. Evans, '76, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pat M. Meldon, '80, Rutland, Vt.
Claude M. Severance, '83, Bennington, Vt.
Prof. Samuel Sheldon, '83, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Robert J. Barton, '84, Salisbury, Vt.
Henry L. Bailey, '86, Pasumalai, India.
Prof. Chas. Billings, '86, Poultney, Vt.
M. H. Dana, '86, New Haven, Vt.
Henry N. Winchester, '87, Oregon, Wis.
Geo. R. Wales' 87, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Rev. E. J. Klock, '88, Pawlet, Vt.
Daniel Roberts, '29, Burlington, Vt.
W. M. Bass, '32, Dedham, Masss.
S. J. Preston, '82, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
G. N. Webber, '52, Northampton, Mass.
E. W. Howe, '69, Boston Mass.
E. E. Howe, '88, Arlington, Vt.
Hon. J. K. Batchelder, '64, Arlington, Vt.
W. W. Walker, '53, Burlington, Vt.
G. P. Collins, '68, Ferrisburgh, Vt.
G. E. Lawrence, '67, Rutland, Vt.
Frank A. Walker, '82, Ludlow, Vt.
Lyman H. Blake, '63, Westfield, Mass.
H. W. Denio, '88, Port Henry, N. Y.
C. R. Turrill, '73, Burlington, Vt.

Personals.

Information in regard to our Alumni is kindly solicited of all friends of the college. Notice will be given in our personal column to all communications regarding the same.

'25. In our last number we briefly mentioned the death of John Spaulding, D. D. We clip from the New York *Observer:* "The venerable John Spaulding, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, widely known as having been for many years the efficient Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society (from 1841 to 1857), died at his residence in this city on Saturday, March 30, in his eighty-ninth year. He was a native of Mason, N. H., was graduated at Middlebury Col-

lege in 1825 and at Andover Seminary in 1828, was for several years a home missionary and pastor at the West. He was a man of great force of character and singleness of heart and was wholly consecrated to the service of his divine Master. He retained his intellectual and physical vigor until within a fortnight of his death, which followed that of his beloved wife within three months. He was greatly beloved by his ministerial brethren and in the church at large."

'33. Mr. E. J. Marsh, Leominster, Mass., writes to correct bad errors in the June UNDERGRADUATE. Mr. Marsh was salutatorian of the class of '33 instead of Mr. P. C. Cooke, and he taught until 1855 instead of 1835, as stated in our last number.

'62, '88. Gov. Knapp and family reached their new home—Sitka, Alaska—June 10, by the steamer Geo. W. Elder, which left Victoria May 30. On the same steamer were the district attorney, the marshal and other minor officials of the territory who had lately been appointed. The weather "during the voyage was rainy and stormy," we learn from *The Alaskan*, the Sitka newspaper, which gets out a special edition in honor of the steamer's coming. The paper is a curiosity of journalism. It is a weekly; subscription price, $3; single copies, ten cents. Its four small pages are almost entirely filled with advertisements of Pacific coast railroads, the only local advertisers being one grocer, four lawyers and the "Old Reliable" saloon, where they sell "cigars, etc."

'76. Rev. E. C. Evans of Mayflower Congregational church, Indianapolis, Ind., has an article in the *Northwestern Congregationalist* of May 24th, on Congregationalism in Indiana. In speaking of his own church he uses these words: "Mayflower church is is in many regards a model church, thoroughly united, thoroughly loyal to its denomination, thoroughly in sympathy with its pastor and thoroughly organized for service. The church, to quote the words of one of its delegates to the State association, is 'prosperous and happy.'" Mr. Evans has sailed for Europe, where he will remain till Aug. 20.

'82. S. J. Preston attended commencement. He has been promoted from the 1st Grammar school, Mamaroneck, N. Y., over which he has been principal for seven years, to the Central High school.

'83. C. M. Severance will soon sail for Japan, where he will engage in missionary work.

'84. We are glad to retract the statement in regard to Mrs. E. F. Preston, made in the last issue of the UNDERGRADUATE. Mrs. Preston was very dangerously sick, but is now fully recovered.

'84. Frank Hyde has returned from Clifton Springs, much improved in health.

'86. H. L. Bailey, who recently graduated from Hartford Theological Seminary, is soon to sail as a missionary. He expects to be a teacher in the Pasumalai Institute, Madura District, Southern India.

'87. H. N. Winchester has located in Oregon, Wis., where he is to teach.

'87. Mr. G. R. Wales will enter a law office in St. Johnsbury soon.

'88. B. M. Cooledge has recently accepted the position of cashier in the St. Clair Health Resort at St. Clair Springs, Mich. It is understood to be a fine business opening.

'88. E. J. Klock was ordained and settled as pastor of the Congregational church at Pawlet June 18. Rev. Henry Hyde of Greenfield, Mass., preached the sermon. Dr. Phillips of Rutland gave the charge to the church and Dr. McIntire the charge to the minister. After accepting the pastorate at Pawlet Mr. Klock had the offer of a fine church at Turner's Falls, Mass.

'88. Mr. Seymour Edgerton has been appointed a justice of the peace by the governor to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the State of Judge Knapp.

'90. Miss Lillian Gregory, now of the University of Minnesota, attended commencement here.

Clippings.

THE TOUGH SOPHOMORE.

Where the rubber trees wave o'er the cuccurrumb's grave,
Near the base of the rubgug tree,
Where the cocoanuts drop from the bunch at the top,
On the slumberous chimpanzee,
Where the river hogs snort and the water bugs sport,
And the landscape is fair to see;
Oh, 'twas there he retired from college when fired
By the bellicose Faculty!

A stripped-leg duffer, than tripe he was tougher;
Considerably faster than fast;
In the midst of the tropics he read his *Town Topics*,
With nonchalance unsurpassed;

He sucked at his cane till he looked quite insane,
While his chin pointed up at the sky;
And remarked, with a smile, to a young crocodile,
"Aw! what could be tougher than I?"

From a thicket hard by, with blood in his eye,
A rhinoceros rushed for a feast;
For a greeting the colder at the height of his shoulder,
Two fingers he gave to the beast.
The animal gazed with expression amazed,
Then heaved a most heart-rending sigh,
And resignedly said, as he rapidly fled,
"Alas! he is tougher than I."

When the elephant came he tried the same game,
With the tiger he found it succeed;
His eyeglass alone, at it singly shown,
He found very effective indeed,
He was never afraid, because, as he said
(And truly he argued it well),
He would bet ten to seven he'd bring up in heaven,
Because he was "tougher than—sheol."

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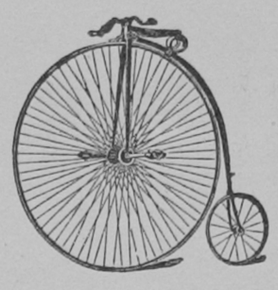

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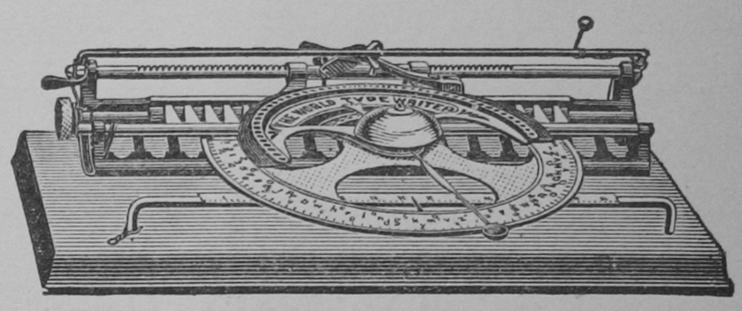

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